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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PAKISTANI CONVERSATIONS RE INDIAN NUCLEAR PLANS

REFS: (A) STATE 1138231 (B) TOKYO 6692  & A D/8 12-1 INDIA

1. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 21, AFTER OPENING CCD
PLENARY MEETING, MATSUMOTO (JUNIOR OFFICER OF
JAPANESE CCD DEL) WAS OBSERVED IN EXTENSIVE
PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH MIRZA (PAKISTAN DEPUTY).
NEXT MORNING, MATSUMOTO IN CONVERSATION WITH
NEIDLE (US DEP) SAID THAT JAPANESE DEL HAD
JUST RECEIVED VERY SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING
PLACE OF FORTHCOMING INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION
(SAME AS IN REFTELS). NEIDLE ASKED TO DISCUSS
MATTER WITH OTSUCA (JAPANESE DEP*) WHO SUBSEQUENTLY
SAID THAT JAPANESE DEL. NOT ONLY HAD

2. SECT
PAKISTANI SOURCE BUT ALSO AN ADDITIONAL ONE
ON WHICH TO BASE ITS CONCERN ON THURSDAY,
JUNE 22 OTSUKA GAVE US A COPY OF PRESS CLIPPING
QUOTING FROM INDIAN DEFMN STATEMENT OF MAY 2
NEIDLE LIMITED HIMSELF TO COMMENTING THAT U.S.
DEL HAD NO INFORMATION INDICATING SPECIFIC GOI
PLANS TO PROCEED WITH NUCLEAR DETONATION.

2. JAPANESE DELI.OFFS ALSO TOLD US THAT
BASED ON MIRZA'S REPORT OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH
NAZARKINE (SOVIET DEPUTY) THE SOVIETS WHILE
CONCERNED, DID NOT SEEM INCLINED TO DO ANYTHING
TO DISCOURAGE INDIAN EXPLOSION.

3. LATER ON THURSDAY, MIRZA TOLD NEIDLE
THAT HE WISHED SHORTLY TO HAVE LENGTHY CONVERSATION
ABOUT A "MUTUAL PROBLEM" WHICH HE SAID
CONCERNED INDIAN NUCLEAR QUESTION. NEIDLE SUBSEQUENTLY
ATTEMPTED FOLLOW-UP BY ARRANGING MEETING WITH MIRZA,
BUT LATTER HAD LEFT TOWN TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE AND WOULD
NOT RETURN UNTIL NEXT WEEK. IN MEANTIME,
AMB MARTIN (US) WILL SEEK EARLY
OPPORTUNITY TO TALK INFORMALLY TO AMB NAIK
(PAKISTAN CCD REP).

4. ON MONDAY, JUNE 26, MARTIN COMMENTED
TO AMB NISIBORi THAT APPARENTLY JAPANESE PRESS
CONTAINED STORY THAT INDIA PLANNING TO DETONATE
NUCLEAR DEVICE. NISIBORI SAID JAPANESE HAD
NOTHING DEFINITE ON THIS WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD
ANY OTHER COMMENT, NISIBORI SAID HE THOUGHT
INDIAN TEST "VERY LIKELY".

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT BE
CERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT ANY HARD INTELLIGENCE
IS INVOLVED, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT STIR ABOUT
POSSIBLE INDIAN TEST MAY HAVE BEEN CREATED
LARGELY ON PERSONAL BASIS BY MIRZA OF PAKISTANI
DEL. (IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT MIRZA WAS
PRIME MOVER BEHIND PAKISTANI UN DEL'S EFFORT
AT UNGA IN 1970 TO SELL UN RESOLUTION DIRECTED
AGAINST INDIA ON THIS SAME PROBLEM) WE WILL

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SEE WHAT AMB. NAIK IS WILLING TO TELL US AND
ALSO WILL REPORT MEETING WITH MIRZA WHEN HE
RETURNS NEXT WEEK. WE ALSO WILL BE SEEING SOVIET
DELOFFS FOR GENERAL INFORMAL CONVERSATION TOMORROW,
JUNE 27, AND WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET FIRST-HAND
IMPRESSION OF PRESENT VIEWS OF SOVIET DEL ON
THE MATTER.

GP-1, RIMESTAD